

## Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 STATE 143846  
ORIGIN ACDA-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 IO-14 ISO-00 PA-02 PRS-01 /040 R

DRAFTED BY ACDA/PA:JMPOPE:HL  
APPROVED BY ACDA/PA:PASANJUAN  
-----031030 211912Z /40

P 211856Z JUN 77  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO USMISSION GENEVA PRIORITY  
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PRIORITY  
INFO USDEL MBFR VIENNA PRIORITY

UNCLAS STATE 143846

USSALTTWO, MOSCOW FOR AMB PAUL C. WARNKE

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PARM, SOPN

SUBJECT: JUNE 21 PRESS ROUNDUP

1. MURREY MARDER OF WASHINGTON POST REPORTED THAT U.S.-SOVIET NEGOTIATIONS FOR TOTAL BAN ON TESTS OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES WILL BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE BRITAIN IN TALKS STARTING IN GENEVA JULY 13. MARDER ALSO REPORTED THAT ACDA DIRECTOR WARNKE LEFT FOR MOSCOW JUNE 20 TO BEGIN TALKS JUNE 22 "ON ANOTHER OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S GOALS, 'COMPLETE DEMILITARIZATION' OF INDIAN OCEAN. OFFICIALLY, THESE DISCUSSIONS HAVE MORE MODEST TITLE, 'ARMS LIMITATION IN INDIAN OCEAN.'" MARDER SAID "CARTER ADMINISTRATION SOURCES CITE THESE NEGOTIATIONS, AND OTHERS, AS EVIDENCE THAT MOSCOW-WASHINGTON CLASH OVER HUMAN RIGHTS IN SOVIET UNION IS NOT FREEZING UP PROGRESS ON OTHER ISSUES. U.S. OFFICIALS SAID 'PROGRESS WAS MADE' IN AMERICAN-SOVIET NUCLEAR TEST BAN DISCUSSIONS LAST WEEK, CONDUCTED IN TIGHT SECRECY. TO SOME  
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 STATE 143846

OFFICIALS, THIS SIGNIFIES THAT PROSPECTS ARE INCREASING FOR MOVING TOWARD GOAL OF MANY YEARS' STANDING, COMPLETE BAN ON NUCLEAR TESTING, THROUGH WHAT IS KNOWN AS COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY. OTHERS SAY PROGRESS IS ONLY ON NEGOTIATING PROCEDURE.... THERE CONTINUES TO BE UNCERTAINTY ON AMERICAN SIDE, SOME SOURCES CONCEDE, ABOUT WHETHER CURRENT SOVIET OBJECTIVE IS TO SEAL OFF ALL NUCLEAR TESTING, OR TO

GAIN POLITICAL AMMUNITION AGAINST ITS CHIEF MARXIST  
IDEOLOGICAL RIVAL, CHINA."

2. HENRY TREWHITT OF BALTIMORE SUN SAID "WITH NEGOTIATION  
OF NUCLEAR ARMS LIMITATIONS PUBLICLY AT STANDSTILL,  
ADMINISTRATION'S DISARMAMENT DIRECTOR LEFT FOR MOSCOW LAST  
NIGHT TO DISCUSS MILITARY RESTRAINT IN INDIAN OCEAN."  
TREWHITT SAID "STILL ANOTHER SET OF NEGOTIATIONS, THIS ONE  
WITH GOAL OF ENDING ALL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS, WAS SCHEDULED  
FOR NEXT MONTH IN GENEVA.... FLURRY OF ACTIVITY IN EFFECT  
BYPASSED APPARENT DEADLOCK IN SALT. IT INDICATED  
DETERMINATION OF SUPERPOWERS TO SHOW THAT PROGRESS IS  
POSSIBLE IN SOME ISSUES DESPITE DIFFERENCES ABOUT OTHERS."  
SUN CORRESPONDENT SAID "WITH MR. WARNKE'S DEPARTURE, WHAT  
FIRST APPEARED AS PRESIDENTIAL AFTER-THOUGHT BECAME INTER-  
NATIONAL NEGOTIATION. PRESIDENT CARTER MENTIONED  
POSSIBILITY OF ARMS CONTROL IN INDIAN OCEAN SOON AFTER HIS  
INAUGURATION, SURPRISING EVEN MOST OF HIS OFFICIAL  
AUDIENCE. WITH TIME, OFFICIALS EXPLAINED THAT MR. CARTER  
HAD IN MIND MUTUAL RESTRAINT IN AREA WHERE SUPERPOWERS ARE  
JUST BEGINNING TO JOCKEY FOR ADVANTAGE." TREWHITT SAID  
VANCE URGED SUBJECT ON GROMYKO DURING THEIR MOSCOW MEETING  
IN MARCH. "THOUGH THEY GOT NOWHERE WITH BROADER SALT  
THEMES, THEY AGREED TO CONDUCT PARALLEL NEGOTIATIONS ON  
SEVERAL COLLATERAL ISSUES, INCLUDING POWER IN INDIAN OCEAN.  
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 STATE 143846

ANOTHER SUBJECT IN THAT PACKAGE WAS WHAT HAS BECOME KNOWN  
AS COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN -- END TO ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS  
TESTING. POSSIBILITY HAS BEEN DISCUSSED FOR YEARS. BUT  
NEGOTIATIONS ALWAYS BROKE DOWN OVER SOVIET REFUSAL TO  
PERMIT DIRECT OBSERVATION THAT WOULD DISTINGUISH NUCLEAR  
TESTS FROM SUCH EVENTS AS EARTHQUAKES. THAT PROBLEM STILL  
HAS NOT BEEN SOLVED, INFORMED OFFICIALS SAID YESTERDAY.  
BUT PRELIMINARY MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON LAST WEEK WERE EN-  
COURAGING, LEADING TO YESTERDAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT FORMAL  
NEGOTIATIONS WILL BEGIN IN GENEVA JULY 13, WITH BRITAIN  
TAKING PART. HISTORY SUGGESTS NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE  
LENGTHY, EVEN IF U.S. IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT SOMETHING  
SHORT OF ROUTINE ON-SITE INSPECTION. A LIMITED TEST BAN  
TREATY, FORCING NUCLEAR TESTS UNDERGROUND, WAS COMPLETED  
IN 1963.... BROADER SALT NEGOTIATIONS, WITH GOAL OF  
FURTHER LIMITING DEPLOYMENT OF NUCLEAR WARHEADS AND  
LAUNCHERS, ARE PROCEEDING WITHOUT APPARENT PROGRESS IN  
GENEVA. SECOND-LEVEL DIPLOMATS ARE IN CHARGE. INFORMED  
OFFICIALS SAY APPEARANCES MAY BE DECEIVING. SENIOR  
OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN EXCHANGING IDEAS, SEARCHING FOR  
FORMULA THAT WOULD BRING AGREEMENT BEFORE CURRENT SALT  
TREATY EXPIRES IN OCTOBER."

3. GEORGE WILSON OF WASHINGTON POST SAID U.S. PLANS TO DISCUSS WITH SOVIET UNION IN "LATE SUMMER OR EARLY FALL" MUTUAL RESTRAINTS IN SELLING WEAPONS TO OTHER COUNTRIES. WILSON ATTRIBUTED THIS TO LESLIE GELB, DIRECTOR OF STATE DEPARTMENT'S BUREAU OF POLITICO-MILITARY AFFAIRS. GELB AND OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SPOKE TO ABOUT 250 DEFENSE INDUSTRY EXECUTIVES AT SYMPOSIUM IN WASHINGTON ON U.S. ARMS SALES POLICY. MEETING WAS CLOSED TO PRESS AND PUBLIC, BUT WILSON QUOTED GELB AS SAYING "WE ARE WALKING TIGHTROPE BETWEEN OUR DESIRE FOR RESTRAINT AND OUR DESIRE FOR NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS." WILSON SAID ONE KEY TO RESTRICTING ARMS SALES WORLDWIDE IS REACHING AGREEMENT WITH SOVIET UNION TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT ALONG WITH U.S.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 04 STATE 143846

"ALTHOUGH CARTER HAS SAID HE HAS RECEIVED ENCOURAGING SIGNS FROM SOVIET LEADERS IN THIS REGARD," WILSON SAID, "IT WAS NOT KNOWN UNTIL GELB SPOKE YESTERDAY THAT FORMAL ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE BY THIS FALL." HE SAID CURRENT U.S. GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS ON ARMS EXPORTS ALREADY ARE BEING PROTESTED BY AMERICAN DEFENSE FIRMS, WITH LATIN AMERICA MAIN SOURCE OF COMPLAINT.

4. GEORGE WILSON ALSO REPORTED IN WASHINGTON POST THAT NAVY'S CRUISE MISSILE, TOMAHAWK, EXPERIENCED ITS MOST SEVERE FAILURE YESTERDAY IN 17 MONTHS OF FLIGHT TESTING. TOMAHAWK IS IN ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT STAGE BUT NAVY HAS NOT YET ORDERED IT INTO PRODUCTION. MISSILE YESTERDAY WAS SUPPOSED TO SHOOT ON ROCKET POWER OUT OF SUBMERGED SUBMARINE TUBE FOR FIRST TIME AND THEN FLY ON ITS ENGINE ABOUT SIXTY MILES DOWN CALIFORNIA TEST RANGE TO FIND AND HIT TARGET SHIP. "ALTHOUGH NAVY LABELED TEST 'SUCCESS' AS FAR AS TOMAHAWK'S CLEARING TORPEDO TUBE, MISSILE BECAME UNSTABLE RIGHT AFTER ITS INTERNAL ENGINE STARTED AT ALTITUDE OF 2,000 FEET AND DIVED INTO PACIFIC OCEAN OUT OF CONTROL," WILSON REPORTED. HE SAID "NO FAILURE IN PREVIOUS 21 TESTS HAS BEEN AS DRASTIC AS YESTERDAY'S NEAR SAN CLEMENTE ISLAND." WILSON POINTED OUT CRUISE MISSILE IS "ONE OF MAIN STICKING POINTS" IN U.S.-SOVIET ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS.

5. ANOTHER POST WRITER, WALTER PINCUS, REPORTED THAT CARTER ADMINISTRATION WANTS CONGRESS TO APPROVE PRODUCTION FUNDS FOR NEW, NEUTRON "KILLER" WARHEAD EVEN BEFORE PRESIDENT DECIDES IF HE WANTS TO GO AHEAD WITH IT. HE DESCRIBED WARHEAD AS "FIRST PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGED TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPON DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY TO KILL PEOPLE BY RADIATION RATHER THAN DESTROY INSTALLATIONS AND EQUIPMENT

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 05 STATE 143846

BY HEAT AND BLAST." PINCUS SAID MONEY FOR WARHEAD -- SAID TO BE 10 MILLION DOLLARS TO 20 MILLION -- IS CONTAINED IN ERDA'S FISCAL 1978 BUDGET NOW BEFORE CONGRESS. DECISION TO BUILD WARHEAD MADE LAST YEAR BY FORD ADMINISTRATION.

PINCUS SAID NEITHER PRESIDENT NOR DEFENSE SECRETARY BROWN "KNEW THAT MONEY FOR ITS PRODUCTION WAS IN FISCAL 1978 BUDGET THEY HAD REVIEWED UNTIL NEWS REPORTS APPEARED TWO WEEKS AGO." DR. JOSEPH PERRY, DIRECTOR OF DEFENSE RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING AT PENTAGON, WROTE SENATOR MARK HATFIELD SAYING PRESIDENT WOULD MAKE HIS DECISION ON WHETHER TO GO AHEAD WITH ENHANCED RADIATION NEUTRON WARHEAD PRIOR TO START OF FISCAL 1978 WHICH BEGINS OCT. 1, 1977. TO AFFORD MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY, PERRY ASKED HATFIELD NOT TO CUT WARHEAD FUNDS FROM ERDA BILL. HATFIELD HAS INTRODUCED SUCH AMENDMENT IN SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE. HATFIELD SAID HE INTENDS TO PRESS HIS AMENDMENT. HOUSE IS EXPECTED TO TAKE UP LATER THIS WEEK ITS VERSION OF ERDA MILITARY APPLICATIONS AUTHORIZATION. REP. CHRISTOPHER DODD IS EXPECTED TO RAISE QUESTIONS ABOUT NEUTRON WARHEAD, PINCUS REPORTED.

6. CHICAGO TRIBUNE REPORTED THAT AMERICAN PEOPLE STRONGLY FAVOR U.S. AND SOVIET UNION REACHING AGREEMENT IN SALT, BUT THEY ARE SOMEWHAT PESSIMISTIC ABOUT CHANCES OF MEETING OF MINDS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES IN THEIR EFFORT TO CONTROL NUCLEAR WEAPONS. LATEST HARRIS POLL OF 1,540 ADULTS FOUND 77-TO-8 PERCENT MAJORITY BELIEVES RUSSIANS AND AMERICANS SHOULD COME TO SALT AGREEMENT. NEVERTHELESS, 52 TO 35 PERCENT ARE RATHER NEGATIVE ABOUT PROSPECTS OF THIS HAPPENING. DESPITE THIS PESSIMISM, PUBLIC HAS NOT LOST HOPE. ONLY 19 PERCENT FEEL THAT FIRST SOVIET TURNDOWN OF CARTER'S SALT PROPOSALS WAS "MAJOR SETBACK." ADDITIONAL 44 PERCENT SEE IT AS "MINOR SETBACK." BY 73 TO 5 PERCENT, PUBLIC IS CONVINCED THAT SINCE U.S. AND SOVIET UNION ARE STILL TALKING, THAT FIRST REJECTION WAS PROBABLY NOT THAT

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 06 STATE 143846

SERIOUS. LOUIS HARRIS COMMENTED: "IT IS IMPORTANT TO EXPLORE PUBLIC REACTION TO SALT TALKS UP TO NOW FOR IT SAYS MUCH ABOUT DEGREE OF CONFIDENCE THAT AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE IN NEW PRESIDENT'S NEGOTIATING ABILITIES. MOREOVER, IT SUGGESTS REASONS WHY THEY THINK NEGOTIATIONS HAVE NOT GONE AS SMOOTHLY AS THEY EXPECTED. FUNDAMENTAL IS PUBLIC'S DEEP SUSPICION OF SOVIETS AT BARGAINING TABLE.

BY 70 TO 10 PERCENT, AMERICANS SUSPECT THAT 'RUSSIANS  
DON'T WANT TO AGREE TO ANY REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF NUCLEAR  
WARHEAD MISSILES THEY ALREADY HAVE.' ALMOST EIGHT OUT OF  
TEN AMERICANS BELIEVE THAT 'RUSSIANS ONLY WANT AGREEMENTS  
UNDER WHICH THEY CAN GAIN ADVANTAGE.'" VANCE

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** NEGOTIATIONS, SALT (ARMS CONTROL), ARMS CONTROL MEETINGS, PRESS SUMMARIES  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Sent Date:** 21-Jun-1977 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Date:** 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** n/a  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:**  
**Disposition Date:** 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1977STATE143846  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** JPMPOPE:HL  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D770221-0822  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1977/newtext/t19770634/aaaabebg.tel  
**Line Count:** 229  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** ed3f6479-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ORIGIN ACDA  
**Original Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 5  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 25-Oct-2004 12:00:00 am  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 2080248  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** JUNE 21 PRESS ROUNDUP  
**TAGS:** PARM, SOPN, US, UR  
**To:** GENEVA MOSCOW MULTIPLE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/ed3f6479-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
22 May 2009  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009